



**Kemnal
Technology
College**

15 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

I do appreciate that the College is sending out a lot of information from the local authority with regard to vaccinations but to confirm that the first Covid vaccinations will take place in the College for students aged between 12 -15 years old on Wednesday 17 November 2021 and parents need to give their consent by clicking on the link <https://Covid 19 consent form Bromley Sept 2021>

Attached to this letter is information on the Y7 -11 Nasal Flu Vaccination that will be taking place in the College on Wednesday 15 December 2021. Again, parents need to give their consent by completing the following link <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/bromley>. Consent forms need to be completed by Wednesday 8 December 2021. Please know that the form will ask you to indicate that your child attends Kemnal Technology College in the borough of Bromley.

We were delighted to showcase our College on Saturday 2 October as well as last Tuesday 12 October. Overall, we have received extremely positive feedback. Please have a look at the following link for photographs and comments about our open events. We very much look forward to welcoming a new cohort to our Kemnal family. Our last Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 20 October 2021 from 4.00pm to 5.30pm so please encourage any students currently in Y6 to come with their parents and say hello!

<https://sites.google.com/kemnal-tkat.org/ktc-opendayfeedback/tuesdays-open-day-feedback>

The College has this week been taking part in Black History Month by using our guided reading sessions to look at texts by authors of colour using the [Sora's website](#). This is a fantastic app that students have access to and during their sessions this week student's read extracts from a number of different books. As all students have access to this site I encourage parents with your child to look through the site. Mr Aldwinckle's personal recommendation was from David Olusoga's [Black and British](#) but there are many books available on the Sora's African American [Fiction](#) or [Non-Fiction](#) collections.

Saturday English intervention continues to take place for Y11's with Ms Wride and Mr McCalla – students are encouraged to attend as it will help and enable students to be English GCSE ready next summer.

Y11 Careers Appointments have now finished and I know that a number of students found this exercise informative and helpful. As much as we prep our students to be GCSE ready, we are also mindful that we support them by giving them the information and knowledge to pursue their next educational steps.

KS3 Extra-Curricular Club is popular amongst students and I encourage students with a particular interest in a subject to attend the Clubs available. I do also believe that sometimes if a student is struggling with a particular subject this is a great way of injecting the fun into learning. Students are learning without even knowing it.

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Y7 students will take part in an assembly next Monday based on "Crime and Punishment" which will be delivered by our school Police Officers. These assemblies educate our students on how to stay safe but also highlight the consequences of actions and the impact this could have. You will remember that other year groups have already been involved in these and have very much enjoyed it.

Y7 begin their CAT testing on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 October 2021. These are national tests and will give students/parents their end of year school targets. Students do not need to revise for these but we ask that all students perform their very best. These results will give the school an indication of the level your child is at and look to see whether any intervention needs to be put in place. We will endeavour to share the results with parents when they have been marked.

Can I remind parents that reporting your child absent/ill needs to be with a reason. We are receiving information that a child is "unwell" but due to Covid, the school needs more clarity on the reason for absence.

Students have been reminded that while we allow phones on site, they have to be out of sight. Staff will look to confiscate phones should students have them out on display.

We are having an increasing number of parents turn up at the school without an appointment to see a member of staff, especially during the school day. Please know that teachers and support staff have timetables and cannot speak with a parent in person during the school day. You will appreciate that during the course of the day, school is busy and all staff have their role to play and ad hoc meetings with parents cannot take place without a prior appointment as this pulls staff away from fulfilling their normal duties.

You will know that from previous correspondence the school remains committed to improving its overall attendance. Whilst we look at new ways to ensure that attendance improves we are looking forward to re-introducing Reward Lunches for the form with the most improved attendance. Forms will compete with each other for termly lunches of "Dominoes". We have found in the past that students get very involved and competitive with this and it is a great initiative for students to take accountability for their own attendance.

With one week remaining, I remind parents that the half term break is from Friday 22 October to Monday 1 November 2021. Students will be dismissed at normal time on Thursday 21 October and are to return on Tuesday 2 November 2021.

As always, thank you for your support and have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully



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